

# Defensive lapse proves costly for Senior Sox in quarterfinals

*Key clash with old rival spoiled by errors*

By **STEVE LeBLANC**  
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A familiar foe has denied the Senior Red Sox yet another championship.

Suffering an ill-timed defensive lapse Sunday morning in London, the Red Sox coughed up a late lead and were trimmed 7-6 by host Lakeside in quarterfinal tournament play.

Lakeside, who knocked Milton out of OBA 'B' championship play last summer, capitalized on three errors to deliver the comeback victory.

"We've got to find a way to beat these guys," stressed manager George Moore. "You just can't make mistakes like this against a veteran team."

Adam Finkbeiner was fairly solid in a

complete-game effort versus Lakeside, but just didn't have the fielding support he and fellow Red Sox pitchers have enjoyed more often than not this summer.

Offensively, Jeff Sommer highlighted the Milton-Lakeside encounter with a bases-clearing double, while Dwayne Johnson and Pat Mastrogiacomo had two hits apiece.

Moore suggested his team's quarterfinal exit may have had something to do with a 'bit too easy' round-robin campaign, which included back-to-back five-run mercies.

First to fall — by an 11-1 margin — was Thorold.

Dependable hurler Ian Zettle gave up just one hit over four innings, while closing things out was Matt Dickson.

The Red Sox jumped out to a commanding 6-0 lead and never looked back, with Jeff MacLeod's homer and double fueling the tournament-opening blowout.

Also standing out with two-hit efforts were Reese Davies and Chris Coughlin.

From there, Milton dumped Essex 10-0, thanks to a strong complete-game showing by Adam Ahearn and a three-run triple by Johnson that put things out of reach in the fifth.

Multi-hit campaigns by Andrew Coe and Matt McCandless rounded out the mismatch.

The Red Sox, 9-10 in league play, are now battling Oakville and Dundas for a return trip to the Ontario 'B' championships. They have nine games left, including tonight's clash with host Etobicoke. Milton closes out the weekend with a Sunday afternoon game in Dundas.

# Brazen sizzles in Gold Final triumph

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Brazen delivered a commanding performance at Woodbine Racetrack Monday evening to capture the first Gold Final of the season for two-year-old trotting colts.

In rein to trotting specialist Trevor Ritchie, the Balanced Image son landed in fourth spot as the colts powered away from the start to a :28.1 opening quarter. Heading for the midway mark, Ritchie sent Brazen to the outside and the colt trotted strongly by leader Looks Like Gold to mount a two-length margin before the 1:29 three-quarter panel.

Trond Smedhammer trains Brazen for

American Viking Racing Stable Inc. of Allentown, NJ. A \$30,000 US purchase at the Harrisburg Yearling Sale last fall, the colt has already earned \$81,878 — winning his Gold Elimination last week, as well as Monday's lucrative final.

Brazen is a full brother to Village Barrister, who banked \$198,517 in 10 races as a two-year-old, including the elimination and final of the first Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Series he entered.

Woodbine fans sent Brazen off as their second choice behind elimination winner Zorgwijk Fortunate, who made an early break that knocked him out of action.

The colt's winning effort returned \$6.10

to the fans who selected him to win, \$3.80 to those who liked him to place and \$3.40 to those who went with a conservative show wager.

Monsieur Kan Du paid \$10.50 to place and \$6.90 to show and long-shot Image Bill's third-place performance was worth \$14 to show. The exactor paid \$76.80, while the triactor was worth \$581.10.

The two-year-old trotting colts return to Gold Series action August 4, when they head to Windsor Raceway for round two of their Ontario Sires Stakes season. The provincial program is back at Woodbine August 7, with Gold Eliminations for the three-year-old pacing fillies.

# Midget Red Sox nipped by Mississauga

The Midget Red Sox had their victory party rained on Tuesday evening, but not by Mother Nature.

Up 9-8 in Mississauga after posting two runs in their final at-bat, the local lads were scored on twice in the bottom of the ninth

for an agonizing loss to the Twins.

The narrow defeat dropped them to 9-7 in league play.

Milton overcame two separate deficits before losing the seesaw showdown, in which Tyler Grace and Sean Mathé each scored three times to push the verdict to the limit.

Scott McTrach worked eight innings on the hill, while the catching duties were shared between Jordan Fagin and Nick Vipond.

The Red Sox are back in action Sunday, when they host Georgetown at Brian Best Park. Game time is 6 p.m.

## Soccer camp runs in Aug.

There are still spaces available for the locally-based Soccer Development Model Academy.

Run by Professor Horst Wein of Germany, the development camp is open to children of all ages and runs from August 9 to 13 and August 16 to 20.

The cost is \$180 per player for the full-day camp, while a half-day program for the tots — four to six-year-olds — costs \$90.

Those interested in signing up can do so by calling (905) 875-3440 or visiting [www.sdma.ca](http://www.sdma.ca).

# Bantam Mavs thump K-W 2 in series opener

The Milton bantam rep lacrosse team would have been well advised to pack a set of brooms for last night's trip to Kitchener's Albert McCormack Arena.

That's because a Zone 8 'D' series sweep of K-W 2 was, to say the least, a fairly safe bet.

Continuing their season-long supremacy of K-W 2 at John Tonelli Sports Centre Monday night, the Mavericks took the best-of-three opener in authoritative fashion — blasting the visitors 10-1.

John Grant backstopped Milton to a solid but relatively easy game-one victory, while his teammates were in control from start to finish.

The contest's suspense factor disappeared early, with a 6-0 Mavericks lead established before the end of the first period.

Milton even held the upper hand in the discipline department, taking just 10 minutes in penalties to K-W 2's 24.

Scott Stover led offensively with two goals and three assists, while Jeremy Price was close behind with two goals and a pair of helpers.

Doug Kay also stood out with a hat-trick, with Ryan Williams tallying twice and a two-assist contribution given by Chris Crossey. Rounding out the scoring were Ethan O'Connor — who chipped in a goal and an assist — and Rhys Betts, who added a single helper.

If necessary, a third and deciding game will be played Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Tonelli.

The local bantams will close out the season next weekend at the Ontario 'C' championships in Guelph.

# Scoring woes go on for Magic girls

The heartbreak continues.

The Under-17 Magic girls soccer squad have had an awfully difficult time finding the back of the net this season, and couldn't do so at all during last weekend's Ontario Cup playdowns.

Milton was shut out in all four games and failed to shake its winless ways, which have been largely the result of a lack of production. "Unfortunately, we don't have much power up front," said head coach Tony Maduri. "A rash of injuries hasn't helped either."

Despite the weekend whitewash, the local ladies managed to keep things fairly competitive against their higher OYSL competition — battling to a pair of 1-0 defeats against host Scarborough United and Ottawa. Their other losses came to Oakville (4-0) and Richmond Hill (3-0).

Maduri offered high praise to mid-fielder Rachel Horton and back-up goalie Caitlin O'Connor, who suffered a fairly serious hand injury in round two but gutted it out between the pipes until the bitter end. Also showing strongly were defenders Allison Cleal, Tanya Maduri and Sara Mancini.

Milton is back at Thompson Field Thursday evening to take on powerhouse Oakville. This serves as a prelude to next weekend's appearance at the Kitchener Tournament.

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